

NEWS RELEASE

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UTAH BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING TO MEET

The Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining will meet in regular session on Wednesday, August 24, 2005, in the auditorium of the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. with an information briefing session conducted by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, and the formal agenda will follow at 10:00 a.m.

Among the items to be discussed during the briefing session are a Five-Year Review and Renewal of Rule R649-4, Determination of Well Categories Under the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, and a report on the Energy Policy Work Group. Following the formal agenda the board will meet for a training session regarding pre-hearing procedures and the use of hearing examiners, and a working luncheon will be held where board members will hear a presentation on the regulation of rock aggregate mines. Both of these sessions are open to the public, however lunch will not be provided to the public.

AGENDA

1. Docket No. 2005-011, Cause No. 257-01 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of PRODCO, Inc., Petitioner, to Compel Operator Dark Horse Exploration, Respondent, to Account for and Pay Royalties to Petitioner in Accordance with its Interest in Production from the 41-9 Devil's Playground Well, the 11-29 Dirty Devil Well, the 23-17 Dirty Devil Well, the 31-15A Dirty Devil Well, the 23-20 Devil's Playground Well and the 1-18 Devil's Playground Well, located in Sections 9, 29, 17, 15, 20 and 18, respectively, in Township 9 South, Range 24 East, SLM, Uintah County, Utah.

The Division will provide the results of their investigation and negotiation on this matter, and the Board may schedule a hearing for further action as appropriate.

2. Docket No. 2005-013, Cause Nos. M/049/009, M/049/024, E/049/046 – In the Matter of the Petition by the DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING for an Order Directing the Attorney General to Recover Civil Penalties, Withdrawing the Notices of Intention, and Requiring Immediate Reclamation or Forfeiting Sureties for the Apex/Burgin Mine (M/049/009), Trixie Shaft Mine Area (M/049/024), and the Trixie West Exploration Area (E/049/046); the Chief Consolidated Mining Co. d/b/a Chief Gold Mine, South Standard Mining Company, and Tintic Utah Metals, LLC; in Sections 11, 15, 21, 22 and 28, Township 10 South, Range 2 West, SLB&M, Utah County, Utah.

Parties have stipulated to continue this matter to the December 7th hearing.

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